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Marty Brennaman was stunned when he heard the announcement of Marty Brennaman Field at Julifs Park.

The Hall of Fame broadcaster of the Cincinnati Reds never dreamed that someday a baseball field would be named in his honor.

"I was blown away by it," Brennaman said. "I had no idea anything like that was in the works."

Brennaman has lived in Anderson Township since moving to Cincinnati in February 1974. He has received numerous local and national honors and awards.

This, he said, ranks right up there with all of them.

"It's a great honor for me, personally. To have a field in your name that kids will play on for years is special."

Still, after years of success and recognition, Brennaman did not expect to be honored in this way.

"Most fields are named after former players; to extend that honor to a broadcaster is something else. I feel very honored," he said.

Brennaman has been a supporter of Anderson Township Little League for years, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day whenever his schedule allows. All of the parties involved in this

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Coming Spring 2008:
Marty Brennaman Field at Julifs Park

In the spring of 2008, the Cincinnati Reds and Reds Community Fund will announce the donation of a new baseball field in Anderson Township in honor of Hall of Fame broadcaster and Anderson resident Marty Brennaman. Funding for the project has already been secured, leaving the field to be named after the Hall of Fame broadcaster.

Marty has been a friend and supporter of the Reds Community Fund since its inception and he really has acted as a leading member of the countless contributions to youth baseball throughout Anderson Township and all of Hamilton County.

project are hopeful that Marty can be there for opening day, calling the game from the newly constructed press box.

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"(Being involved in ATLL Opening Day) is always a special thing for me," Brennaman said. "I'd be happy to do anything I can, as much as my schedule will allow."

Brennaman would like to thank all of the people involved in the planning of Marty Brennaman Field at Juilfs Park.

"I am grateful to the Reds Community Fund and the people of Anderson Township," he said. "This is very, very impressive."

THE JUILFS FACTOR

The fact that the ballpark will be in Anderson Township makes it even more special for Brennaman.

"I can walk there from my house. It would still be an honor, but would not mean nearly as much if it was in another part of the county," he said.

The Reds and the Anderson Park District settled on Juilfs because of its central location and visibility, said Matt Crawford, Reds Community Fund outreach and sales manager. Commuters traveling on Clough Pike will notice the field as they pass Juilfs Park.

"Baseball is big here in Anderson Township," Anderson Park District interim executive director Ken Kushner said. "We have a lot of kids interested in baseball and softball. (The Reds) know we will take good care of the field."

A renovated multi-purpose field, complete with a press box, new dugouts, seating, and a new field surface will give baseball and softball teams, young and old, a big-league atmosphere in Anderson Township.

"We are honored to have a field like that here in Anderson Parks," Kushner said.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE FIELD

The Reds Community Fund, Anderson Park District, and Anderson Township Little League joined forces to make the field a reality.

"This is an opportunity for the Community Fund to honor Marty for his countless contributions to youth baseball in Anderson Township and throughout Reds country," said Crawford.

This is the first big, new project for Kushner. He was surprised and excited when the Reds Community Fund

approached him with the idea.

"When they first came into the office with the idea, I was stunned," he said. "This is something we never planned."

The Reds Community Fund has plans to complete renovation on 164 fields around Cincinnati by 2008. This marks the first time that RCF has pursued a construction project with naming rights, said Crawford.

Brennaman has given hours of his time to support the fund's outreach program to help youth baseball programs.

"Since our inception (in 2001), Marty Brennaman has been one of our staunchest advocates and loudest mouthpieces," Crawford said. "He has used his status in the community and on the radio to create awareness of the Reds Community Fund."

The organizations involved in the planning of Marty Brennaman Field at Juilfs Park have found an instant chemistry that has made the early planning stages run as smoothly as possible.

"The people with the Reds have been nothing but a pleasure to work with," Kushner said. "Anderson Township Little League has made a big impression on the Reds."

The Reds feel the same way about their colleagues in Anderson.

"I can't say enough good things about the Anderson Park District and Ken Kushner," said Crawford. "They have been extremely receptive to everything we have asked of them."

The children and future generations in Anderson Township will be the biggest beneficiaries of this gift.

"It's a true gift to Marty Brennaman," said Kushner. "We happen to be lucky enough to live in a community with an individual like Marty."

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